(d) Funds have been allocated to Maharashtra according to their entitlement.

(e) Maharashtra has a total length of 2918 Km. of NH and ranks slightly behind Madhya Pradesh (2946 Km.) and Rajasthan (2931 Km.)

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

*455. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of on-going irrigation projects in Maharashtra for which Central financial assistance was made available during 1996-97 together with the amount utilised; target achieved and irrigation potential created;

(b) the details of projects proposed by the Government of Maharsthra for 1997-98; funds sought and the irrigation potential to be generated;

(c) the details of action taken by Government thereon and funds likely to be made available to Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of irrigation schemes proposed for World bank assistance by the State Government and present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The details of the on-going irrigation projects of Maharashtra (Major and Medium) for which Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme was approved during 1996-97 are as under:—

(Rs. in Crores) (Th. Ha.)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Latest Estt. Cost.	C.L.A. sanctioned	C.L.A. released	Antd. Expd. during 96-97	Ultimate Irrigation Potential	Potential created upto 6/96
1.	Gosi-Khurd	2091.13	20.00	10.00	14.40	190.00	Nil
2.	Waghur	179.00	4.00	2.00	10.02	23.58	Nil
3.	Surya	226.24	4.00	2.00	8.60	27.19	21.19

(b) For the year 1997-98 the Government of Maharashtra has requested for Central Loan assistance of Rs. 50, 10, and 10 crores for Gosikhurd, Surya and Waghur projects respectively. They have also requested assistance for another 33 major and medium projects of the State. Out of 33 new major and medium proposals only seven may be eligible for Central Loan assistance as per the criteria laid down for this purpose. Detailed proposals are awaited from the State.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1300 crores has been provided for Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme in the budget of 1997-98. The proposal received from the State Governments are under scrutiny. The release will be made for eligible projects after the Budget is passed.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra have requested the World Bank for financial assistance to Maharashtra Water Resources Consolidation Project. The World Bank have suggested certain changes in the proposal and renaming of the project as Maharashtra Water Service Improvement Project. The Government of Maharashtra is required to prepare revised Project Report.

Police Complaint Authorities in States and Union Territories

*456. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

what is the response of various States/ Union Territories to the proposal to set up police complaint authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): Government has decided to set up a Police Complaint Authority in NCT of Delhi to act as an independent body responsible for speedy redressal of complaints of the Public against acts of ommission and commission on part of the members of the Delhi Police and to recommend such action as considered necessary for the removal of such grievances. It is also proposed to advise the State Governments to set up such Authorities, shortly.

Technical Personnel leaving DRDO

*457. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experienced technical personnel have been leaving the Defence Research and Development Organisation in large numbers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of technical personnel who have left DRDO during the last three years;

(d) whether this has adversely affected scientific research on Defence; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to stop this brain-drain?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) About 3% of total strength of scientists and engineers have been leaving Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) every year. However, fast recruitment drive has been mounted through open advertisement, campus recruitment, quick induction of meritorious candidates and research fellows to compensate this shortfall.

(b) Though scientists/engineers in DRDO are assigned challenging tasks, certain percentage of them are leaving to join multi-national companies for better compensation (attractive salary and perks).

(c) Year-wise details of scientists/ engineers who left DRDO, including resignations and voluntary retirement, are given below:

Year	No. of Scientists/engineers
1994	148
1995	177
1996	162

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Improvements are being proposed in the terms and conditions of service, as admissible to these Scientists.

Pay Commission Recommendation to augment the strength of armed forces

*458. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendation of the Fifth Pay Commission for reversing the greying trends in the Armed Forces and to augment their strength, by making up the deficiency in ranks, indicating the present status of deficiency of officers in the different forces; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The present deficiency